

## Webster Sail Association Spring Banquet & Meeting – May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006

The meeting was called to order by CTP at 7:55pm.

Tom recognized new members in attendance:

The Kline's

Chuck Walsh

Bob Godfrey

And noted that Michael Travers was "in the building"

Tom asked for a moment of silence for members that passed on during the year, long time distinguished former club secretary Alice Nims, Honorary Vice Commodore Bill Boyd, and Roland Whiterall.

Bill Boyd was in attendance at the 2006 Executive Committee meeting, and at that meeting he read an "In memorandum" that he authored. Tom read that piece.

Tom also mentioned that long time members of the club have suffered from health issues.

Bob Ciabasewski – compound fracture, Tom Keevan – cardiac issues, Joe Bottaso – cardiac issues.

Tom recognized the efforts of Victor Stefaniak who was not in attendance for his efforts in organizing the Spring Banquet.

Bob Gurlitz was recognized at Sr. Vice Commodore, replacing Mel Tews who had requested he be relieved from the role due to a future move. Kathy Kenyon informed that an upcoming event will be planned in honor of Mel & Norene Tews to recognize their significant contributions to WSA.

Tom asked that secretary Joe Aurelio read the meeting minutes from the Fall 2005 business meeting. A motion was made, and seconded to accept the report, and unanimously accepted.

Tom asked that treasurer Norm Cloutier present the treasurer's report. Norm told us that we have \$5372 in the set aside fund, currently in a 9.5 month 5.13% CD. The current cash balance was approximately \$11786.38. Norm projected \$6245 in expenses, leaving approximately \$5541 in free cash. A motion was made, and seconded to accept the report, and unanimously accepted.

The next section of the meeting was related to "Old Business".

- Tom mentioned that membership renewals went well this year and that the enforcement of late fees did result in better year to year timely returns, and increased treasury funds.

- Tom again reminded the membership of the old gas tanks and batteries that need to be removed from the gas locker and anchorage.
- Tom noted the work parties were well attended, and thanked members for their participation, stressing the importance of volunteers at these events to help the club run effectively.
- Weed control was discussed, with WSA's membership in the Webster Lake Association at \$20 annually. WLA cleaned up our cove over the past season. WLA is also involved with sediment control and invasive species (plant and animal).
- An update was given about the 2 new dock sections built during the 2 Spring work party days.

Tom then moved on to new business.

- The boat ramp lights need to be replaced.
- The kitchen and bath floors need to be "replaced".
- The pile of leaves need to be removed, and options are being explored.
- There is a desire to make club (t-)shirts and hats available.
- There is a desire to make a club burgee available.
- A buddy list for mentoring new sailors and people who would like to race will be posted in the anchorage.
- The membership was asked for a motion to promote Life time membership status for members Tom Keevan, Mel Tews, and Ernie Boudreau. A motion was made, and seconded, and unanimously accepted.
- Tom received mail correspondence from member John Colby before the executive committee meeting. John suggested a co-ownership initiative. Tom presented that he studied the by-laws and noted that the by-laws did include language about co-ownership. A discussion ensued, and the definition of "co-ownership" was amended (Article 4, Section 3) to mean "no more than one other co-owner". A motion was made, and seconded, and unanimously accepted.
- Tom also mentioned that the by-laws did not have any specific language prohibiting recreational motorized craft usage from club facilities. A new by-law was proposed. "Motorized recreational crafts (i.e.: PWC and/or motorized pleasure boats) not associated with sailing or club maintenance activities are not

allowed for use from WSA facilities”. A motion was made, and seconded, and unanimously accepted.

- Tom also proposed a new by-law with language “A sailboat is required to join WSA with a maximum craft size of 20 feet length over all” as Article 4, Section 4. A motion was made, and seconded, and unanimously accepted.
- An issue was discussed about penalty fees for the excise tax bill for the race committee boat because the bill is never timely received by the club treasurer. A motion was made to put up a mailbox, and seconded, but it was not passed.

At 9:20pm, a motion was made and seconded and unanimously accepted to end the Spring meeting.